Obituaries.

FREDERICK ALEXANDER BLACK, Solicitor, Inverness, was interested in astronomy, and published several books. During the War he was on Sir Auckland Geddes's staff, doing duty at Dumbarton and Dundee.

He was elected a Fellow of the Society in 1907, and died on September 9, 1934.

JAMES BELL DOBBIE, late of the Royal Bank of Scotland, was deeply interested in ornithology; his extensive collection of British and foreign eggs was purchased by the Royal Scottish Museum.

He was elected a Fellow of the Society in 1897, and died on June 26, 1934.

SIR WILLIAM BATE HARDY, Kt., M.A., F.R.S., Director of Food Investigation in the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, was born in Erdington on April 6, 1864.

He was elected an Honorary Fellow of the Society in 1930, and died on January 23, 1934. (See *Obituary Notices of Fellows of the Royal Society*, No. 3, December 1934.)

SIR ALEXANDER CRUIKSHANK HOUSTON, K.B.E., LL.D., F.R.S., Director of Water Examinations, Metropolitan Water Board, author of numerous reports and papers on Public Health subjects, was born on September 18, 1865.

He was elected a Fellow of the Society in 1897, and died on October 29, 1933. (See *Obituary Notices of Fellows of the Royal Society*, No. 3, December 1934.)

ANDREW WILLIAM KERR, F.S.A.Scot., was one of the originators and the first Secretary of the Institute of Bankers in Scotland. He was also Treasurer for a period of years of the Scottish Natural History Society. He was the author of *A History of Scottish Banking* (1884), and other volumes.

He was elected a Fellow of the Society in 1908, and died on October 1, 1934.

ALEXANDER VEITCH LOTHIAN, M.A., B.Sc., was elected a Fellow in 1898, and died on November 30, 1933.